

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A stacking device comprising:

~~top and bottom parallel planar a stacking surfaces without holes having a configuration for supporting at least one supported article of manufacture stacked on top of said top parallel planar stacking surface; and,~~

~~— a support surface opposite said stacking surface, said support surface having a configuration for direct communication with at least one supporting article of manufacture below said support surface;~~

~~— said stacking surface and support surface supporting a vertical stacking of articles of manufacture without assistance from other support structures.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The stacking device of claim 1, wherein said ~~top and bottom parallel planar support surfaces~~ comprises a polygon.

3. (Currently Amended) The stacking device of claim 1, wherein said ~~top and bottom parallel planar support surfaces~~ comprises an ellipse.

4. (Currently Amended) The stacking device claim 1, wherein said ~~top and bottom parallel planar stacking surface and said support surfaces~~ comprise a machine washable material.

5. (Currently Amended) The stacking device of claim 1, wherein said top and bottom parallel planar stacking surface and said support surfaces comprise a heat resistant material suitable for use in an oven.
6. (Currently Amended) The stacking device of claim 1, wherein said top and bottom parallel planar support surfaces haves a configuration for direct communication with a wire mesh shelf.
7. (Currently Amended) A stacking system comprising a plurality of stacking devices, each of said stacking devices comprising top and bottom parallel planar stacking surfaces without holes having a configuration for supporting at least one supported article of manufacture stacked on top of said top parallel planar stacking surface ~~a stacking surface having a configuration for supporting a supported article of manufacture stacked on top of said stacking surface, and a support surface opposite said stacking surface, said support surface having a configuration for direct communication with a supporting article of manufacture below said support surface, said stacking surface and support surface supporting a vertical stacking of articles of manufacture without assistance from other support structures~~, wherein at least two of said stacking devices comprise differing surface areas for supporting articles of manufacture of different shapes and sizes.